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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

United States Passport Regulations.

Apparently the United States regulation requiring passports from all aliens was put into effect by Executive Order yesterday. Escott Reid telephoned Keenleyside last night that he had just heard it was proposed, and he was instructed to make representations at once to a member of the State Department requesting delay until we could take the matter up again, as we had done last fall. He did so, but without effect. Apparently the action was taken in a rush without anyone in the European or Canadian section of the State Department knowing about it until after it had been done.

I am seeking the exact text of the Order and will report later what its implications are as regards Canada.